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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR WASHING THE
CORED AREAS OF LETTUCE HEADS DURING
HARVEST

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before acting on this application on the merits, please cancel claims 1-59
and add the following new claims 60-73. Please amend the specification to
read as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following on page 1, before line 1:

--This application is a continuation of Application Serial Number 09/692,273, filed on October 19, 2000, which is a divisional of Application Serial Number 09/295,438, filed on April 20, 1999.--